

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Stop Testing Poisons on Newborn Primates**

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 11:44 PM

**From:** Martha Olver <tsong97@hotmail.com>

**To:** <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

I understand that each year, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity. What's worse is that the NTP actively encourages people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a veritable laundry list of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grape seed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze.

I also understand that true to form, the NTP's latest testing recommendations spell suffering and death to many thousands of animals:

- \* The Food and Drug Administration nominated Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (a chemical used in plastic IV bags) for studies of reproductive, immune, and other effects that would involve injection of the substance into newborn male rats and nonhuman primates.

- \* The Environmental Protection Agency nominated „perfluorinated compounds“ for extensive study, including cancer and reproduction testing, on the basis of „presumed“ widespread human exposure, despite the fact that large amounts of human and animal toxicity data are already available for these chemicals.

- \* A „private individual“ recommended that the dietary supplement „bitter orange extract“ undergo „subchronic“ toxicity studies (which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals.

I wish to point out that animals are not test tubes with whiskers and demand that you pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Sincerely,

Martha Olver

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Testing Chemical Toxicity**

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 10:40 PM

**From:** Carol Gallegos <carolg@infomagic.net>

**To:** "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

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Dear Dr. Masten;

It is imperative that you, please, put a halt to the animal tests recommended for June 2005 by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. I have just discovered that there will be testing on baby male primates. These babies are the closest to humans as it gets and I really don't think you would do this kind of testing to a human baby. I hope you're not thinking that it is an animal and animals don't have emotions, so I know you wouldn't like it if they did testing on your pet or one of your family members would you? Please show how much you care about these wonderful animals by stopping the testing going on. I may not know you personally but I know you are a doctor and I know that doctors are compassionate for life. Show your compassion here, now. Thank you for your interest in reading this email.

Sincerely,  
Carol Gallegos  
Flagstaff, AZ

P.S. Since these babies are much like our human babies, please remember that they need love, to be held, talked to, and played with. They need to be with the other primates to have interaction with them and learn to love each other.

Scott Masten

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**Subject:** primate testing

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 9:03 PM

**From:** Laura Vanoyen <vanoyen\_715@hotmail.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Sir,

I am writting to you in regard to your proposed testing of Di-phthalate on primate babies.I urge you to remember that these babies need the same love and attention as a human baby does.They require love,companionship and the care of a human infant.I ask would you test these substances on a human baby?Thank you for your time regarding this issue.

Your sincerly

Laura Wilson

Australia

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Request**

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 5:30 PM

**From:** IloveJesus76@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Mr. Masten

I believe that God gave us a world to enjoy and make use of. I also believe that we are to respect the magnificent details that he put into these surroundings we take for granted. To respect the things that God gave us to care for is to respect God. This world is not ours to use as we wish. I do not know your beliefs, however, I share this world with you and I would appreciate respect as well. When you misuse the things of this world that are here for me to enjoy you disrespect me, you disrespect everyone. Please have some respect. Stop abusing your position of power over these creatures that are your responsibility to care for and respect. If we treat everything in our world the way you treat these animals then we will have *nothing*.

Sincerely,

Devan E. Pennington

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**Subject:** animal testing

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 11:25 AM

**From:** Cassody@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Attn: Dr. Scott Masten

I have recently been informed that animal testing continues to be performed at the NTP. In June, the NTP asked for animal testing to stop, and I would like to know what the current status is on this issue.

I look forward to your answer, and hope the response will be that no more animals are being treated inhumanely.

There have been numerous studies conducted that all animals have feelings and emotions. The animals feel the pain and agony, so please respect this. God will be pleased also!

Peace to all animals,

Dan

Scott Masten

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**Subject:** animal testing

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 9:24 AM

**From:** GraceTillman@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Testing on animals is barbaric -- there is no justification for cruelty, ever -- not even to save a human life.

Please do not carry out the testing recommended by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

There's enough cruelty in this world -- please don't add to it.

Sincerely,

Grace Tillman  
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**Subject: Please end the testing on animals**

**Date:** Sunday, October 17, 2004 6:02 AM

**From:** Ginbennett@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask you to pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP interagency committee for chemical evaluation and coordination. It saddens me to feel that I have to remind you of the simple fact that animals were not put on this earth for humans to test on, we surely should be at a higher level of evolution than we are in this the 21st century. Please use your influence and the compassion that you were born with to put an end to these tests for once and for all for the sake and evolution of all life on planet earth, I know you can do this because I am a believer in the goodness of people.

Yours sincerely

Neil Bennett